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Letter dated 31 December 2007 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda (see annex), which covers the Committee's activities during the period 1 January to 31 December 2007. This report is submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

(*Signed*) R. M. Marty M. **Natalegawa**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda

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Annex

Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda

A. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007.

2. The previous report of the Committee (S/2006/1049), submitted to the Security Council on 28 December 2006, covered the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

B. Background

3. Although the restrictions imposed by paragraph 13 of resolution 918 (1994) on the sale or supply of arms and related materiel to the Government of Rwanda were terminated on 1 September 1996 in accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution 1011 (1995), all States are required to continue to implement the measures with a view to preventing the sale and supply of arms and related materiel to non-governmental forces for use in Rwanda. In addition, paragraph 11 of resolution 1011 (1995) stated that "States shall notify all exports from their territories of arms or related materiel to Rwanda to the Committee established by resolution 918 (1994)" and that "the Government of Rwanda shall mark and register and notify to the Committee all imports made by it of arms and related materiel".

C. Bureau of the Committee for 2007

4. From 18 January to 28 April 2007, Ambassador Rezlan Ishar Jenie (Indonesia) served as Chairman of the Committee. The members of the Council agreed on 29 October 2007 to elect Ambassador R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa (Indonesia), replacing Ambassador Jenie, to serve as Chairman of the Committee for the period ending on 31 December 2007. Throughout 2007, the delegation of Italy provided the Vice-Chairman.

D. Summary of the activities of the Committee during the reporting period

5. During 2007, the Committee held one session of informal consultations, on 7 March. On that occasion, the Committee had before it a letter dated 2 March 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2007/121). In the letter the Permanent Representative of Rwanda, on instructions from his Government, requested the Security Council to abrogate the provision contained in paragraph 11 of resolution 1011 (1995), by which all States were required to notify the Committee of all exports from their territories of arms or related materiel to Rwanda. The Permanent Representative of Rwanda further requested that his letter be brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Committee.

6. During the informal consultations of the Security Council held on 13 March 2007, the Chairman briefed Council members on the Committee's recent discussions and conveyed the Committee's recommendation that the Security Council formally terminate the notification requirement set out in paragraph 11 of resolution 1011

(1995). The Chairman underscored that the Committee was not recommending the termination of the sanctions regime, but only the requirement of States to notify the Committee of arms shipments which were already permitted under existing resolutions. The Council subsequently adopted, on 28 March 2007, resolution 1749 (2007), by which the Council, inter alia, decided to terminate with immediate effect the measures imposed by paragraph 11 of resolution 1011 (1995).

E. Observations

7. In the absence of a specific monitoring mechanism to ensure the effective implementation of the arms embargo, the Committee would like to recall its previous observation that it relies solely on the cooperation of States and organizations in a position to provide information on violations of the arms embargo. During the reporting period, no violations of the arms embargo were brought to the attention of the Committee.